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Come back! Look over your old College and your old Friends. It will be here; they will be here. All want to see you here. Hartford, Connecticut, is the town, June 19-21. Let no other place hold you those three days. Every man who stays away is one less. Every man who comes is one more. Really, when you get here you count as two. Reunions of all classes whose numerals end in 0 or 5 this year, and of Class of 1823 every year.  
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C. A. JOHNSON,  
Alumni Secretary.

## INTERFRATERNAL COUNCIL.

At the last meeting of the Interfraternal Council, held at the Delta Phi House, before the Easter recess, May 1 was set as the date for the ratification of the constitution. The Council advocated less formality between members of the various fraternities and suggested that on all nights, except meeting nights, visitors walk into the different houses without ringing bells. It was also decided that each fraternity hold open house on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4, and that members of the various crowds circulate around among their neighbors. Committees were appointed to draw up a rushing agreement and to consider interfraternal athletics. Plans were also discussed for taking the sophomore smoker show to New York and holding a big smoker there with the senior classes of the high schools of greater New York as guests. Reitemeyer was elected secretary of the Council.

## Sophomore Smoker Committee.

The Sophomore Smoker committee held a meeting at the Delta Phi House last Thursday evening and discussed plans for the smoker to be held May 15. Plans were discussed for having an interscholastic tennis tournament and track meet for the visitors, and in addition having intercollegiate tennis, track and baseball. Macauley was elected production manager of the show, Gallagher musical director, and Clapp property man. Mohnkern, Byrnes, Plumb and Hungerford were appointed an invitation committee to secure entries for the interscholastic meets. An assessment of \$3.50 was fixed to cover the cost of the smoker.

Over three thousand dollars has been contributed to the "America's Gift to France" fund by American colleges and universities, according to a bulletin made public at the national headquarters of the committee. Harvard gave the largest amount, and the University of Pennsylvania had the largest number of contributors. Trinity gave \$15.65, seventy-six men contributing.

## TRINITY TRACK TEAM TO MEET WORCESTER TECH. Dual Meet to be held Saturday at Trinity Field.

The Trinity track season will open Saturday, when the team from Worcester Tech meets Trinity on Trinity Field. Prospects for a victory in the opening meet seem good. Worcester's team is weak this year. It is strongest in the distances. This, also, is Trinity's strongest point, and past records would seem to give Trinity the edge. In cross-country last fall, Springfield College men led the Worcester harriers all the way, while Trinity took the first two places in the meet with Springfield.

The remainder of the schedule, as announced by Manager Callen, includes two intercollegiate meets and one other dual meet. Hamilton College will be here on May 15, and this meet will form a part of the entertainment for the Sophomore Smoker. Trinity will enter teams in the Eastern Intercollegiates and in the New England Intercollegiates as well. In these meets they will compete against some of the men, who will probably represent this country in the Olympia games at Antwerp next summer.

Walter Bjorn, '18, who was expected to coach the track team this year, has gone to Texas to engage in the oil business, and the services of H. B. Clark, Yale, '16, have been secured. Paul Easland, '18, will assist in the coaching, taking charge of the field events. Clark is especially fitted to handle the track events, as he was a cross-country star at Yale and has a choice collection of cups and trophies which he won at the expense of Harvard, Princeton and other universities and colleges.

Except for the distance events, the Trinity track team is none too strong. However, weather conditions have been such that it has been impossible for the team to get in any real practice, and so the calibre of the team is doubtful. The team will have Hungerford, Clapp, Bradley, and Buckley for the distance events; Ameluxen and Coxeter are entered for the low hurdles; Ransom and Ameluxen are in the field events, while the former and numerous green men are slated to run in the dashes.

## The Jesters.

At a meeting of "The Jesters", March 26, the following men were elected to membership: Joseph J. Buffington, '18; James E. Breslin, '19; George B. Tenney, '23; and Arnold Wallen, '23. These men took part in the presentation of Percival Wilde's play, "The Traitor", which was given the first of the year.

Wesleyan has started a class in jiu jitsu in connection with physical training.

## 1920 Track Schedule.

April 24—Worcester P. I. at Hartford.  
May 8—Eastern Intercollegiates at Springfield.  
May 15—Hamilton at Hartford.  
May 22—New England Intercollegiates at Hartford.

## TRINITY'S POLICY.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

I am glad to see so much discussion in "The Tripod" on the future policy of the college. It is a good sign. Some of the ideas may be rather wild, but let us have them. It is better for them to blow off than to blow up. The controversy seems to be hot. Let us see if we can make it hotter.

The alumnus who wrote about the "selling points of Trinity" objects to old-fashioned studies, humanities, classics; and sees salvation in a set of scientific, practical, business-like studies that will appeal to business men; and then "business men" will send students and money to Trinity and everything will go up with a whoop.

All that is part of a serious delusion that is cropping up all the time. It takes various forms. Every now and then someone appears before the Trustee Board obsessed with the idea that Trinity should devote herself more to the classics and gain a splendid reputation as the one college in the country which stands by Latin and Greek more than all the others. Or the obsessed one is on fire with the idea that Spanish should be very much taught, a specialty made of it, because it is commercially valuable now that we have Spanish-speaking possessions and may develop trade with South America. Such a one will sometimes argue as if the whole \$2,000,000 worth of property should be devoted exclusively to Spanish.

All of these are the same, all labor under the same mistake. In the first place they have not taken the trouble to examine the College Catalogue and see exactly what is taught; and in the second place they have not informed themselves on the general subject of American education.

The Spanish enthusiast would find that Spanish is taught; but comparatively few elect or want it. It is not commercially very valuable, because of those seeking an education the part who will deal in any way with Spanish countries is a very small percentage. Think of the thousands of young men who will work in the interior of the United States and never speak Spanish. German is more commercially valuable because it unlocks such an enormous mass of practical information in science, mechanics, physics, manufacturing, medicine and surgery. Think of the one vast subject of industrial chemistry alone in connection with German.

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## TRINITY NINE TO PLAY WEDNESDAY.

Team will Journey to New Haven to Meet Yale.

The weather man stepped into baseball at Trinity last week and kicked a gaping hole in Manager Puels' schedule by delivering such weather on Wednesday and Saturday that it was impossible to play either Holy Cross or the Springfield game. The squad managed to get in a few more days of practice, however, and will be so much the better for its rest when it goes up against Yale at New Haven on Wednesday.

Trinity has excellent prospects for a victory over the Eli team. Yale has been making an unusually poor showing in baseball this season. On the southern trip only two out of seven games were victories for the traveling team. Since coming north, Yale has been defeated by Wesleyan in a 10 to 8 slugging match, and has won from Fordham, 6 to 4. The New Haven team seems to be especially weak in the pitching department and in defensive work. In its early games the Yale infield seemed to work more like a sieve than anything else.

Coach Bronkie has been working the Trinity team hard. The only department that needs any strengthening at all is the pitching. Reynolds is a capable pitcher and can be counted on to deliver the games in which he starts, but it is doubtful if he can shoulder the pitching for the entire season. At present there doesn't seem to be anyone out for the team who can be counted on to share the twirling for the season.

Doran, Rachlin and Berkman show promise for the backstop position. Doran has the edge on the other candidates. Leeke at first, Reddish at second, Cram at shortstop and Captain Nichols at third, will make up the infield. Buckley and Lynch are fixtures at left and center fields, but right field is still open. Bruce and Keating are fighting hard for the position.

As the schedule now stands, the Trinity team will not play here until they face the Catholic University nine on May 13. It is probable that an effort will be made to get a game in Hartford on one of the open dates.

## Spier, '07, has Narrow Escape.

Reginald I. Spier, '07, narrowly escaped death when his home in Enfield was destroyed by fire on the morning of April 6. He discovered the fire at 2 o'clock in the morning, and by that time the flames had cut him off from the stairs. He and his wife, carrying their two children, climbed to the roof from which Mr. Spier jumped. He procured a ladder from a nearby house and rescued the remainder of his family. His ankle was injured by the jump and he sustained a cut over the eye.



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Conditions are such at Trinity that a man is apt to go through college and know intimately only the few chosen members of his fraternity. Of course there are exceptions to this rule. These men are lucky.

At a recent meeting of the Interfraternal Council this fact was discussed at considerable length. A suggestion was made that there should be a more friendly feeling between the various crowds and that opportunity should be given for the members of each fraternity to come in personal contact with the members of the other societies. To this end the Council advocated the policy of having "open house" at each fraternity Sunday afternoons, between 2 and 4 o'clock. "The Tripod" heartily endorses the move. It feels that this is a step in the right direction. Perhaps if the policy of boarding at the various houses were abandoned and all the students were to eat together, the so-called barriers between the various houses might be removed.

Anyway, it is about time that we students awoke to the fact that Trinity College extends a little further than our small buildings on Vernon Street. When it is all said and done, the fact remains that the college makes the fraternity possible. The former should and must come first. Long live Trinity College, we say, and then long live the societies! How many of you take up our cry?

## Berkeley Convention.

Trinity was well represented at the Conference of Eastern College men held at the Berkeley Divinity School over the week-end. Those present included Mitchell, '20; Hodder, '19; Stansfield, '20; Warner, '20; Hicks, '21; Hersey, '21; Clapp, '22; Graham, '22; Plumb, '22; Creamer, '23; Gesner, '23, and Webster, '23.

Among the speakers were many Trinity graduates, including Dr. Miel, Trinity Church, Hartford; Father Sill, Kent School; Mr. Gilbert, rural missionary in Connecticut; Fort, Berkeley Divinity School, and Mitchell, who is now studying at Yale.

## TRINITY'S POLICY. (Continued from page 1.)

This brings us to the fundamental fact or principle that it is useless for a college to attempt to teach what is not demanded. Why should thousands of dollars be spent in teaching a subject to empty benches? For example, some years ago Trinity started a course in civil engineering for the simple reason that there was a demand for it. Before that time there had been no demand for it. It would have been taught to empty benches. That illustrates the principle perfectly. Our course in insurance is another illustration.

If you will take the trouble to examine our catalogue and consult with the faculty, you will find that there is a solid basis of fact for pretty much everything in it. It is regulated according to the needs of the times and the particular local needs of our constituency. It is impossible to do more.

Moreover, you will find that all other colleges work the thing out in that way and all are very much alike, especially in New England, and that constitutes American College education. The professors and presidents study all these things, compare ideas and communicate all over the country, and work out education step by step and day by day; and produce, I think, a better system than I or any other single individual could produce by carrying out an ideal.

There is really no use in one person setting up an ideal scheme or giving enormous emphasis to one subject or set of subjects. The fanatic who wants more Latin and Greek and the fanatic who wants to abolish them are both mistaken. There are thousands of students who want to study those classics because such study will help them in the career they have chosen. Why should they not have them? The whole subject of the classics was fought out some years ago and practically all colleges, especially in New England, agreed on the present plan making Greek optional.

The curriculum at Trinity is that of a thoroughly American college, worked out and balanced by long experience, consultation and comparison with other institutions. You will gain nothing by frantic efforts to make it un-American, lopsided or like Oxford or Cambridge.

A word about the "business man" fanatic. He is always howling that you must please the business man, do what the business man wants, have a business man for president. But what is a business man? It is the vaguest of terms. I suppose lawyers and doctors are not business men; but we have educated hundreds of them at Trinity, and so have other colleges. Why should we not give them the education they require without regard to the howling of the mythical "business man"? Soldiers and sailors are not, I suppose, business men; but we have educated some good ones; and so of mechanical engineers, electricians and scientific workers.

Once when I tried to get a certain person to define what he meant by a business man he whittled it down to nothing but merchants and manufacturers. He would not even admit bankers. I noticed in Philadelphia

there is an organization called the "Walnut Street Business Men's Association" and my tailor belongs to it. So I suppose a tailor would make the right sort of college president.

My own definition of the term is anyone who by experience, training and ability understands the work in hand. That would include farmers and bishops. In the matter of college presidents I note among the great ones that Eliot of Harvard was a promoted professor of chemistry, Hadley of Yale a promoted professor, Smith of the University of Pennsylvania a promoted professor, and so on.

I hope, Mr. Editor, that you will publish all the letters from reformers. I should like to have another chance at them. Some day soon I should like to go after those who want the college to remain small and who try so hard to block plans for raising money. They are the funniest of all the cranks. S. G. FISHER, '79.

## ON THE CAMPUS.

On Thursday evening, April 22, the senior class will give an assembly. The dance will be formal. The committee in charge is Keating (chairman), Lyon, Lynch, Fox, Puffer, Tilton, Hohenthal, Ortgies, Nichols, and Adkins. Admittance is three dollars.

Harold S. Palmer, former instructor in geology, has arrived at Honolulu, and has begun his duties as head of the geology department at the University of Hawaii. He made the trip from San Francisco on the army transport "Logan", arriving at Hawaii on February 13.

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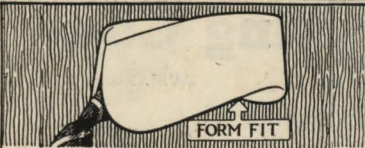
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## PROMINENT PHYSICIAN DIES OF INFLUENZA.

Dr. Jerome G. Atkinson Passed Away after Many Years of Service.

Word has been received here of the recent death of Dr. Jerome Gill Atkinson of 12,388 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. He retired from the practice of medicine some years ago. At the time of his death he was cashier and office manager of the law firm of Wingate & Cullen. Death was due to influenza.

Dr. Atkinson was born in New York City, the son of John Caxton Atkinson. He had been a resident of Brooklyn since childhood, and for many years after graduating as a physician from the New York University, practiced his profession in the Hill section with an office on Clermont Avenue. He received his general education at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. He was widely known as a physician and was an old member of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, a Freemason, a Democrat and a communicant of St. Bartholomew's Church.

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The lineup and summary:

Phi Gamma—Richards (cap't), R. F.; Belleh, Scott, C.; Scott, Morgard, R. G.; Depper, L. G.

Phi Psi—J. Ortgies (cap't) R. F.; H. Ortgies, L. F.; Callen, C.; McKinnon, R.; Gable, Cunningham, L. G.

Goals from floor—Richards 1, Todd 1, Scott 1, Depper 4, J. Ortgies 3, H. Ortgies 2, Callen 2; goals from fouls—Depper 4, H. Ortgies 1; referee—Shulthies; timer—Hungerford.

"The Courant" and "The Tripod" seem determined that I shall move to Los Angeles. I have not done so and never shall do so. "The Overholt" is at 494 East Colorado Street, Pasadena, California.

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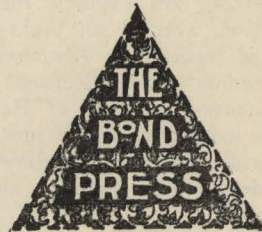
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## ADDITIONS MADE

## TO GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

Muller, '18, Presents Valuable Specimens to Trinity.

C. J. Muller, '18, presented to the Geological Museum four interesting specimens of rock from Marblehead Neck, Mass. The first is a diabase, of the same age as the coal fields of Penna. It cuts into a hornblende granite of Devonian time. The third specimen is a felsophyse, which had been forced or intruded into a granite in the form of a stock, probably a very large volcanic neck. The last specimen is a porphyritic diabase, simply a different kind of the first specimen.

Specimens of these important rocks were not in the collection before and the museum is fortunate in securing them.

Muller is now studying geology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## ON THE CAMPUS.

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At a meeting of the faculty held last Tuesday, George Kolodny was awarded the Henry A. Russell Fellowship for the next two years, and William J. Cahill was awarded the Mary A. Terry Fellowship.

The college has received a brick from the Great Wall of China, the gift of the Rev. Mr. Roberts of Russ Street, Hartford, a former missionary to China. It will be placed in the college library.

'18—Edward Murray is a member of the committee of Robert O. Fletcher Post, No. 4, American Legion, of Norwich. The committee is in charge of securing a building to be used as post headquarters.

Slattery and Fox were the delegates from the Tau Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta to the New England Convention held at Brown, Friday and Saturday. Nine New England colleges were represented.

Mr. Langdon, of the inspection department of the Factory Insurance Association, started an eight-weeks' course of lectures in fire insurance. Mr. Langdon, who has lectured before the Insurance Institute of Hartford, will give instruction in fire protection, engineering, and the rudiments of fire underwriting, rating, and loss adjusting.

## ALUMNI.

'95—Justice Philip J. McCook performed the civil ceremony at the Trives-Dougherty wedding in New York City on April 10.

'98—A daughter, Mary Waterman, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Waterman.

'19—Captain Irving E. Partridge, Jr., was recently elected secretary of the First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard. During the war Partridge served in the Coast Artillery. He is a member of Alpha Chi Rho.

Rensselaer is discussing a system of awarding minor sports letters and class numerals. The present system is rather involved and a good deal of confusion has resulted.

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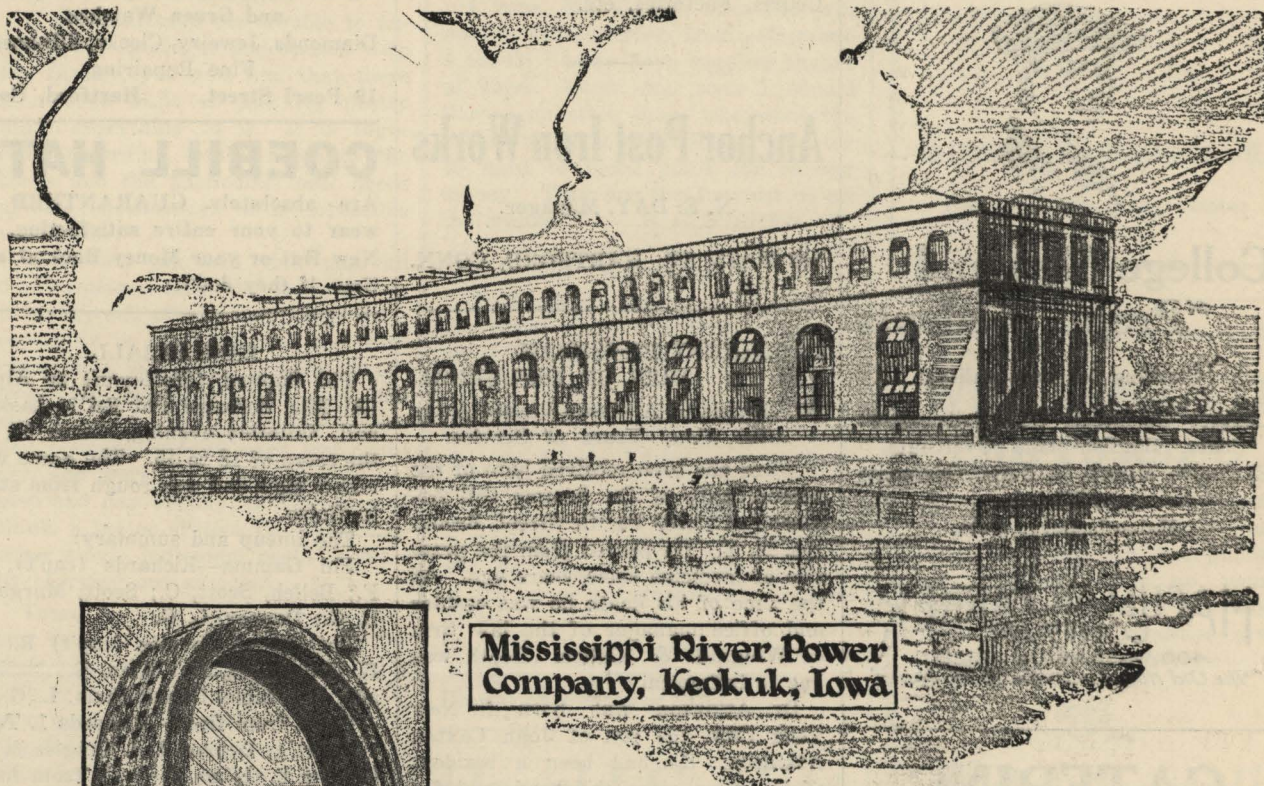
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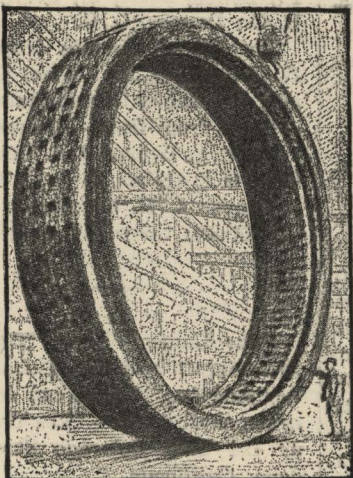
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